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Tap into Community Museum's "After Hours" Nightlife Program

Whiskey, Beer Tastings, Lively Discussion Add Adult Twist to Lecture Series

Gaithersburg, MD (November 1, 2018) The Community Museum is putting a new twist on nightlife in Gaithersburg with its After Hours program. With its doors open after the sun sets, visitors can enjoy the Museum in a whole new way with insightful presentations and lively discussion with local historians, authors and scientists. Tastings take place at 7 p.m., followed by talks at 7:30 unless otherwise noted. All programs are held in the Museum's historic 1953 RDC railcar. The Community Museum is located at 9 South Summit Avenue.

"While we welcome visitors of all ages, we wanted to open our doors after hours and let the adults geek out with interesting topics and programs just for them," says Program Coordinator Karen Lottes. "Many of the events provide the opportunity to hang out with friends and enjoy whiskey, beer or tea tastings prior to the discussion."

Admission is \$10. Registration opens on November 5. Register online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov. ID required for alcohol tastings.

The 2018 – 2019 After Hours sessions include:

Friday, November 16

Magnetic Fields, the Prime Meridian and the Future of GPS

Is the Prime Meridian really the Prime Meridian? What does it mean when magnetic fields change? Join retired geodesist David Doyle and explore the future of geodetic science. Tasting with **Twin Valley Distillers**, Montgomery County's first operating distillery using local grains and products.

Friday, December 7

Gaithersburg Must List

Gaithersburg resident and creator of the blog and podcast *The MoCo Show*, Alex Tsironis, explores what makes Gaithersburg a great place to live and play. Tasting with **Brawling Bear Brewing**, currently Gaithersburg's only microbrewery.

Friday, January 11

What Happened to the Milky Way?

Many in this area can remember a time when it wasn't that unusual to see the Milky Way, but today light pollution has made it rare enough to be newsworthy. Dr. Harold Williams, Director of the Montgomery College

Planetarium, will discuss the Dark Skies Movement and what it means for our night skies. Tasting with **Supreme Core Cider**, a new cidery in Washington, D.C.

Sunday, February 10

***Tasting at 3 p.m.; Talk at 3:30**

The World War I Experience for African American Soldiers

Many African American men saw World War I as an opportunity to gain respect through military service. They volunteered and were drafted, but even in war, segregation determined where and how they served. Military historian Lt. Col. Roger Cunningham (USA-ret.) will explore the experience of African American soldiers in World War I. Tasting with **Shafa Blends**, a family-owned tea and spice shop in Gaithersburg.

Friday, March 8

Merciful Minerva! Suffrage and the Birth of Wonder Woman

Inspired by the women's suffrage movement of the 1910s, William Moulton Marston created Wonder Woman in 1941 as a new type of woman he believed should rule the world. More than 75 years later she continues to be an icon of strength and liberation for generations of young girls and women. Park Ranger Heidi Dietze will discuss how Wonder Woman broke through sexist barriers. Tasting with **True Respite Brewing Company**, a brewery and taproom in Rockville.

Friday, April 5

What Do Pirates Have to Do with the Metric System?

It was 1794. The United States was a young nation, but its founders were very interested in promoting standards to help our economy. We were on the cusp of going metric when pirates intervened. Keith Martin, librarian at NIST, shares what he discovered when researching this story. Tasting with **Dragon Distillery**, a small, veteran-owned distillery specializing in small batch artisan spirits.

Located in the restored 1884 B&O Railroad Station complex near the intersection of Summit and Diamond Avenues in Olde Towne, the Gaithersburg Community Museum features educational exhibits and programs designed to spark interest and imagination about our City's history. Follow on Facebook @GaithersburgCommunityMuseum.

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